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PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Ikuo SAKAGUCHI

Confirmation No. 1577

Serial No. 09/838,185

GROUP 3628

Filed April 20, 2001

Examiner Jeffrey C. PWU

CARD UTILIZATION APPROVAL METHOD, CARD SETTLEMENT SYSTEM AND
CARD AUTHENTICATION AND SETTLEMENT PROCESSING DEVICE

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please inform us of the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on April 20, 2001 and was docketed on February 13, 2003 to the Examiner. Applicant respectfully inquires as to when a first Official Action may be expected in this application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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